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1. RECENT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS HERE HAVE REVEALED THAT ALLIES SUPPORT IDEA OF EXPERTS STUDY OF HAGUE INCIDENT AND JAPANESE RED ARMY; BUT THEY PREFER NOT TO LAUNCH THIS EFFORT FORMALLY AT NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL MEETING BECAUSE OF INCREASED CHANCE OF LEAKAGE AND RELUCTANCE TO SHARE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE IF ALL ALLIES PARTICIPATE. THERE IS A CONSENSUS THAT THIS ISSUE COULD BEST BE DISCUSSED IN A PRIVATE AD HOC MEETING WITH ONLY SYG, SELECTED PERMREPS AND EXPERTS IN ATTENDANCE.

2. ACCORDINGLY, MISSION BELIEVES WE SHOULD REQUEST SYG TO CONVENE PRIVATE INFORMAL MEETING TO INITIATE STUDY AND TO DISCUSS TERMS OF REFERENCE. GROUP SHOULD PROBABLY INCLUDE US, UK, FRENCH, FRG, BELGIAN, NETHERLANDS AND CANADIAN PERMREPS AND EXPERTS. EXPERTS COULD THEN GO TO WORK AND REPORT FINDINGS TO A SECOND PRIVATE MEETING OF PERMREPS AND SYG.

3. WE HAD PLANNED TO DRAW ON TEXT PARAS 4-10 REF A IN NAC
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PRESENTATION OCTOBER 2 - BUT IN LIGHT OF INFORMAL ALLIED REACTION WE DID NOT BRING UP THIS ITEM IN COUNCIL. WE SUGGEST IN FUTURE DISCUSSION WITH ALLIES THAT (IN DISTINCTION TO REF A TEXT) WE NOT SUGGEST SHARING INTELLIGENCE ON THIS ISSUE NATO WIDE AND

THAT WE FOCUS ON "RED ARMY" RATHER THAN "THE HAGUE INCIDENT." TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR STUDY MIGHT SIMPLY BE RECENT ACTIVITIES OF JAPANESE RED ARMY, IMPLICATIONS FOR NATO COUNTRIES, AND MEASURES ALLIES MIGHT TAKE TO DEAL WITH JAPANESE RED ARMY THREAT. WE BELIEVE THIS APPROACH WOULD ACCOMMODATE SENSITIVITIES NOTED HERE IN INITIAL MULTILATERAL SOUNDINGS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON'S COMMENTS ON PROPOSAL IN PARA 2 ABOVE.

5. ALTHOUGH MISSION WELCOMES AMBASSADOR HOFFACKER'S VISIT AT ANY TIME, IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL FOR HIM TO BE HERE FOR INITIAL PRIVATE MEETING OF PERMREPS AND EXPERTS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON GUIDANCE AS TO THE TIMING FOR THE INITIAL MEETING.

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